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For: A MARKETING SYSTEM AND METHOD PROCESSING MARKET INFORMATION OF CONSUMERS AND DEALERS VIA A NETWORK

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2000, and having a period for response set to expire on August 10, 2000. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please ~~AMEND~~ claim 3 as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, change "2" to --1--.

REMARKS

In the May 10, 2000 Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1, 3-12 and 14 were pending in the application and were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,913,202 to Motoyama in view of an abstract of a dissertation by Wyman with Official Notice taken with respect to additional features recited in some of the dependent claims. Claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 1 since claim 2 was cancelled (and incorporated into claim 1) in the Preliminary Amendment filed March 10, 2000.